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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, IS  
SUBJECT: BEGIN TO PRESENT NEW GOVERNMENT TODAY FOLLOWING SIGNING  
OF COALITION AGREEMENT

1. PREMIER DESIGNATE MENAHEM BEGIN THIS MORNING INFORMED  
PRESIDENT KATZIR THAT HE HAS COMPLETED HIS ASSIGNED  
TASK OF FORMING A GOVERNMENT. LATER TODAY BEGIN WILL  
PRESENT HIS COALITION TO THE KNESSET AT A SESSION WHICH  
WILL CONVENE AT 4 P.M. LOCAL TIME. THE FOLLOWING IS THE  
EXPECTED SEQUENCE AT THE KNESSET MEETING: THE KNESSET  
WILL HEAR BEGIN OUTLINE HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMV ALL  
PARTY HEADS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AFTER  
WHICH BEGIN WILL THEN REPLY; BEGIN WILL THEN REQUEST  
A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE--  
PRESENTATION, SPEECHES AND VOTE-- WILL PROBABLY TAKE  
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SEVERAL HOURS.

2. BEGIN'S EFFORTS AT GOVERNMENT FORMATION WERE  
CLIMAXED YESTERDAY WITH THE SIGNING OF A COALITION  
AGREEMENT COVERING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LIKUD,  
NRP AND AGUDAT YISRAEL UNDER BEGIN'S PREMIERSHIP  
(TEXT OF AGREEMENT WILL BE POUCHED AS SOON AS

TRANSLATED). POALEI AGUDAT YISRAEL IS ALSO EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE COALITION AGREEMENT AS SOON AS ITS ONE MK, KALMAN KAHANA, RECOVERS FROM HIS RECENT HEART ATTACK. IN ADDITION TO THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE COALITION, THE THREE PARTIES APPROVED A 26 POINT BASIC GUIDLINES OF GOVERNMENT POLICY (SEPTTEL).

3. COMPLETION OF THE COALITION AGREEMENT CAME AFTER THE NRP DECIDED TO NOMINATE YOSEF BURG, ZVULUN HAMMER, AND AHARON ABU-HATZEIRA AS ITS CANDIDATES FOR MINISTERIAL POSTS. THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO CONSIST OF 16 MINISTRIES., THREE OF WHICH (JUSTICE, SOCIAL BETTERMENT, AND TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS) WILL TEMPORARILY BE HELD AVAILABLE FOR POSSIBLE DMC PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE. THE FOLLOWING IS THE CABINET WHICH BEGIN IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT TO PRESIDENT KATZIR AND THE KNESSET:  
PRIME MINISTER - MENAHEM BEGIN (LIKUD-HERUT);  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS - MOSHE DAYAN (INDEPENDENT);  
DEFENSE - EZER WEIZMAN (LIKUD-HERUT);  
FINANCE - SIMCHA EHRLICH (LIKUD-LIBERALS);  
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (TO INCLUDE TOURISM)  
YIGAL HOROWITZ (LIKUD-LA'AM);  
AGRICULTURE - ARIEL SHARON (LIKUD-HERUT);  
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EDUCATION & CULTURE - ZVULUN HAMMER (NRP);  
RELIGION - AHARON ABU-HATZEIRA (NRP);  
CONSTRUCTION AND ECOLOGY - GIDEON PATT (LIKUD-LIBERALS);  
ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE - YITZHAK MODAI (LIKUD-LIBERALS);  
HEALTH- ELIEZER SHOSTAK (LIKUD-LA'AM);  
IMMIGRATION & ABSORPTION - DAVID LEVY (LIKUD-HERUT);  
OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE BEGIN CABINET IS BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.  
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